

Meeting Minutes

Columbus Art Commission



Location: 111 North Front Street, Room 204

Date: December 21, 2022

Time: 5:30pm

Commissioners Present: Diane Nance (Chair), Mary Gray, Matthew Mohr (5:37), Lisa McLymont, Gamal Brown

Absent: Merijn Van der Heijden (Vice-Chair), Eliza Ho

Staff Present: Luis Teba, Jennifer Fening, Mark Dravillas, Michael Stevens

Call to Order (5:35)

- Swear in Staff
- Introduction of Commissioners
- Overview of Hearing Format
- Public Forum

A. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Discussion: N/A

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented.

Motion by: Brown/McLymont (4-0-0) **APPROVED.**

B. Continued Applications

- 1) N/A

C. New Applications

- 1) N/A

D. Conceptual Applications

- 1) N/A

E. New Business

- 1) Recognition of Lori Baudro's contribution to public art in Columbus
 - Several commissioners indicated Lori would be missed and thanked her for her hard work.
- 2) Introduction of Luis Teba as Planning Staff for the Columbus Art Commission
- 3) Introduction of Art Archive
 - Mohr indicated that we should separate between monuments and sculptures.
 - Brown said it should be accessible.
 - Fening said we could link it on the Art Commission webpage.
- 4) Bloomberg Public Art Challenge
- 5) Public Art Inclusivity- Commission Breakout Sessions scheduling
 - Gray asked that they be Webex
 - Fening said we could make them Webex

F. Old Business

- 1) Public Art Plan
- 2) Discussion: Art Commissioner Education and Engagement
 - Nance stated that this group was fairly young and not as familiar with the business. Do the commissioners have access to the gift policy 3115?

- McLymont asked what was expected of the Commission.
- Stevens said we need to do more to invest in Public Art. We have an inclusive commission that helps guide public artwork through the approval process. As we increase spending in public art, the role of this commission has never been more important. We need to work with the community, and that's why working with GCAC is important. Hopefully we can align moving forward. A lot of our success has been around public/private partnerships. For public art to succeed, we need to rely on those relationships.
- Gray said she has been with the commission six years, and it would be fantastic opportunity for our new commission members to be on-boarded. We should have a formal discussion.
- Fening said we could do commissioner training. Is there anything further we can do to address public art?
- Nance said things should be clarified surrounding the Mayor's letter, and how we work together. How do the departments of the city work together? Such as how Planning and Public Service have coordinated on 1000 Eyes. When changes occur, they don't come back to us. We are making decisions for the City of Columbus. We need to know the budget, who is paying for it, who is maintaining it.
- Stevens said we should be able to have discussions about what goes in those contracts. Such as a status report.
- Nance and Gray said they would like that.
- Fening said getting further information on the City's internal processes is one of her priorities.
- McLymont said she would like to know where to find information.
- Teba said he could share the updated information on the maintenance and contracts as part of the agenda, and could create a Box folder with all the materials.
- McLymont replied that she would like that.
- Gamal wants a binder.
- Stevens stated that regarding the budget, he could possibly work towards perhaps an end-of-the-year line item.
- McLymont asked if the Commission can use some of their money for maintenance.
- Nance replied that we are a Commission, and therefore we can't spend that money.
- Stevens said that he has found it more effective to have someone advocate for these things. Development will be that advocate.
- Nance said the reclining deer on Scioto lounge is an issue. The artist doesn't want things around the sculpture. That needs to be taken care of right away. The artist has said what he does and does not want around the figure.
- Stevens said if we can get a standard level of funding, then we can get some priorities. We should come to you, and have you respond to it.
- Gamal said he was surprised to learn that the commission doesn't have a strategic plan. Is there something small we can do?
- Fening said we could possibly do a 2023 Action Agenda.
- Mohr asked if there is an effort to make us better stewards for the city and advocates.
- McLymont said it would be good to have a better idea of what we are doing.
- Gamal said it would be great if we held community conversations around the RFP.
- Nance said she would like to bring the community along with ideas of what public art could be.
- Mohr and Gray agreed.

G. Adjournment 6:30pm

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